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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The accompanying electric tariff sheet issued by MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") is transmitted to you for filing.

South Dakota Electric Tariff No. 1 SD P.U.C. Section No. 5

2nd Revised Sheet No. 13 Original Issue Sheet No. 13.1 Original Issue Sheet No. 13.2 Cancels 1st Revised Sheet No. 13

MidAmerican is proposing the addition of the sentence related to late payment charges be made to make MidAmerican's late payment charge policy in South Dakota the same as its late payment charge policy in its other state jurisdictions.

The deletion of the final paragraph was made because MidAmerican does not believe that customers should be removed from the budget payment plan due to becoming past due in paying their bills. MidAmerican has found that for most customers, the budget payment plan is an effective tool for helping them manage their finances by having a levelized monthly payment amount.

This filing is being sent to you electronically. Any questions pertaining to this filing may be directed to David Blomquist at (563) 333-8325.

Sincerely,

/s/

David M. Blomquist Sr. Rate Analyst

Attachments



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CLASS OF SERVICE: Credit and Collection - Customer Deposits

<u>RECONNECTION</u>

8. Service shall be reconnected as promptly as possible after a customer has made satisfactory arrangements for paying his account. The Company will charge a collection fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Reconnection of a service which has been disconnected for nonpayment of customer's utility account:

During regularly scheduled working hours: \$20.00 After hours, Sundays and Holidays: \$30.00

BUDGET BILLING

9. Budget Billing is available to:

• all residential customers.

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non-residential customers with usage less than 3,000 kWh per month.
other customers at the Company's discretion.

Budget Billing can be opened at any time during the year under the Company's "Total 12" payment plan, which allows the customer to pay 1/12 of his estimated annual bill each month.

Reminder notices shall be mailed on Budget Billing under the same conditions as other accounts, regardless of whether the account shows a debit or a credit balance.

Collection action shall be initiated on Budget Billing when they receive a bill showing a budget payment in arrears in addition to their currently due budget payments, provided the Budget Billing shows a debit balance. Late payment charges will be assessed at the rate of 1.5% monthly on the budget balance due. No collection action beyond a reminder notice shall be taken on Budget Billing which show a credit balance.

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BUDGET BILLING (Continued)

The monthly budget billing amount shall be recomputed annually and may be recomputed:

- when requested by the customer or
- when changes in price and /or consumption results in an estimate that differs by 10 percent or more from the budget amount.

The monthly budget payment for Budget Billing Plan customers is derived by estimating a customer's usage for the next 12-month period and dividing that amount by 12. The estimation method uses a 24-month history at the premise in question as well as other factors, such as weather and prices. The budget bill amount for new premises is estimated based on tariff rate code and geographic location.

Budgets are reviewed periodically and annually. At the customer's annual review, the budget bill amount changes regardless of the amount of change.

The customer will be notified of any changes in the budget amount at least one full billing period before the due date for the new budget amount. The notice may accompany the bill prior to the bill that is affected by the revised budget amount.

The budget account balance at the annual review will be handled as follows:

| If | Then |
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| debit balance | spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments. |
| | when requested, apply the debit balance to the next bill. |
| Credit balance | spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments, or when requested, refund by application to the next bill(s), or when requested, direct refund of credit balances exceeding \$25 |

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BUDGET BILLING (Continued)

Budget billing may be cancelled:

- upon customer request.
- when service is cancelled.
- for failure to pay.

For balances owed the Company, the customer may be required to pay the amount owed before termination.

For credit balance, the customer shall have the option to:

- request application of credit balance to the next bill(s)
- request a direct refund of credit balance.

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Budget payment may be made any time during the month without penalty; however, when a Budget Account is not paid by the due date for the second month's bill, it shall be transferred to a regular account and become subject to the same collection and disconnect procedures as a regular account.

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